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SUBJECT: Army Directive 2019-33 (Total Army Sponsorship Program)

1. References:

- a. Army Regulation 600-8-8 (The Total Army Sponsorship Program), 4 April 2006.
- b. Headquarters, Department of the Army Execution Order 161-15 with/FRAGO 1 and 2 (TASP), August 27, 2015.
- 2. I remain committed to ensuring Soldiers and Families have appropriate sponsorship before and during transition to a new assignment or installation. Priority must be placed on first term (Tier I, officer and enlisted) and junior enlisted Soldiers (Tier II) who are vulnerable to increased at-risk behaviors and actions during periods of transition.
- 3. This directive establishes policy for the assignment of a sponsor before receipt of orders and change of station or assignment of a reactionary sponsor within 24 hours upon arrival at a new assignment or installation.
- 4. Senior commanders of Army Service Component Commands and Direct Report Units; and senior leaders of other organizations, such as program executive offices and centers of excellence, will issue guidance to update local procedures to accomplish the following:
- a. The losing command will ensure all first-term or junior enlisted Soldiers have a required sponsor before a permanent change of station. The approval authority for exceptions to this policy is the first general officer/Senior Executive Service equivalent in the Soldier's chain of command, with authority to delegate approval authority to the brigade command sergeant major or equivalent leader of similar organizations. The losing command will record and update the reason for the exception to policy in the TASP module in Army Career Tracker (ACT).
- b. The gaining command will assign a reactionary sponsor within 24 hours for first-term or junior enlisted Soldiers arriving at the installation without a sponsor.
- c. Commands will match the assigned sponsor based on the gender and marital status of the inbound Soldier to the greatest extent possible. For example, female Soldiers will sponsor female Soldiers and married Soldiers will sponsor married Soldiers.

- d. Commands will implement a process to manage Soldier diversions. They will avoid changes to the Soldier's unit of assignment to the greatest extent possible.
- e. Only a brigade command sergeant major or equivalent leader of similar organizations may approve a change in an assigned sponsor.
- f. Reports of assigned sponsors will be updated and maintained using the TASP module in ACT and inspected as part of the Organization Inspection Program.
- 5. This directive applies to all Active Army personnel.
- 6. Responsibilities are as follows:
- a. The Deputy Chief of Staff, G-9 will evaluate, improve, and manage TASP in coordination with stakeholders.
- b. The Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1 will ensure the assignment process and personnel databases of record are updated to support implementation of TASP.
- c. The Commander, U.S. Army Materiel Command will coordinate with the TASP proponent to ensure training is updated and effectively supports TASP.
 - d. The Commander, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command will:
- (1) coordinate directly with the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1; U.S. Army Human Resources Command; U.S. Army Materiel Command; and other data systems managers to receive and update data feeds in support of the TASP module in ACT.
- (2) monitor the TASP module in ACT to ensure it meets all sponsorship requirements pertaining to sponsorship requests, training data, reports, and surveys.
- e. The Inspector General will conduct an assessment of TASP effectiveness during fiscal year 2020.
- 7. The Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) is the proponent for this policy. The Deputy Chief of Staff, G-9 will incorporate the provisions of this directive into Army Regulation 600-8-8 within 2 years from the date of this directive.

8. This directive is rescinded upon publication of the revised regulation.

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